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PRESS RELEASE

PARKING LOT ACCIDENT SCAM

DATE: August 11, 2015, Tuesday, 10:35 am
CASE #: 15-223-081
LOCATION: City Square Shopping Center, 1800 (B) North Milpitas Blvd.
SUSPECT #1: Unidentified male with black hair

On August 11, 2015, the Milpitas Police Department received a report of a parking lot accident scam that occurred at the City Square Shopping Center on North Milpitas Blvd. A driver was backing out of a parking space when a male approached the driver and claimed he was hit by the car. The male demanded a cash payment and “threatened” to call the police. The driver gave the male a small amount of cash, and the male demanded more money. After the driver gave the male additional cash, the male left. The driver went home and later realized the male was never hit by the car and was simply trying to get money from the driver.

These types of scams can occur in any parking lot, and some of the culprits seem to target drivers who speak limited English. Any driver who is approach by such a person is encouraged to determine if a collision even occurred and to immediately call the police department if it appears to be a scam.

Press Release By: Lieutenant Henry Kwong
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